

| | Muckhart Community Council: Minutes 19th June 2024 |
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| In attendance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian Thompson (GT), Chair • Danny Conroy (DJC), Treasurer • Marion Riddell (MR), Secretary • Jonathan Bacon (JB) • Andy Davis (AD) • Celia Norton (CN) • Patrick Thompson (PT) • Cllr Denis Coyne (DC) <p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 residents |
| Apologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Pease, (MP), Vice Chair • Craig Chamberlain (CC) • Jon Jordan (JJ) • Marlene White (MW) • Cllr Scott Harrison • Cllr Kathleen Martin • PC Barry Reiter • PC Barry Ritchie |
| 1. Declarations of interest | JB declared that he had submitted applications to the MCC Microgrant and Event funds on behalf of the Badminton Club. |
| 2. Minutes of 22nd May 2024 meeting | Minutes proposed by Jonathan Bacon and seconded by Celia Norton. |
| 3. Matters arising: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting is due to take place with Paul Fair, Clackmannanshire Council's Licensing Standards Officer, on 24th June about the new licensing arrangements. This will clarify these for BYOB community events and those involving outside caterers. • Input from Muckhart Primary School is being sought on proposals for the playpark considering the recently set up football initiative and available funding. • MCC had registered interest in a Planning Aid Scotland Local Walking Action Plan initiative. |
| 4. Police Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes have been committed. • GT reported that Ann Wilson, a resident, had agreed to become the Coordinator for a proposed Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS), following previous discussions in relation to dog fouling. • AW explained that she had registered Muckhart as a new area under NWS, which is a community led initiative that strives to bring local people together to address crime, along with other community safety concerns, and build community resilience. Muckhart had previously been a NWS area. • Information leaflets and booklets had been obtained and an interest form would be delivered to homes to gauge interest and seek volunteers. Feedback would inform the area to be covered by the NWS. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed scheme was welcomed with several expressions of interest from those present representing various parts of the village. GT reported that PC Reiter had informed MCC that the community policing team were currently unable to support a speed watch initiative similar to the Milnathort one reported in the Kinross Newsletter. This was due to various reasons including operation period (BST) and limited resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT to pursue what options are available going forward. |
| 5. Residents Voice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident asked if information could be obtained about a red squirrel warning sign to make drivers aware of red squirrels in the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR to seek information on this. |
| 6. Community Transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR reported that the MCC community transport survey had had a good response rate and presented a clear case for a community transport scheme. Feedback had been provided to Mott Macdonald, the consultants undertaking Clackmannanshire Council's own transport survey, as well as the Community Transport Association and Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG). Discussions were continuing about the inclusion of Muckhart in a service route, but Clackmannanshire Council was currently unsupportive of providing funding to allow this. With the help of ward councillors, MCC was seeking clarification on the rationale for this decision, which was agreed as mean spirited and life limiting, particularly given Muckhart's ageing demographic and younger residents' access to after school clubs and lack of independence. Other funding options would also be explored. A meeting was due to take place shortly with Keith Brown, MSP, about this issue and discussion took place about contacting all political party candidates in the run up to the general election. Residents might also be invited to sign a letter of petition to highlight the issue. |
| 7. Traffic Calming and Road Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following concern being raised by a resident about the speed bump located at the east end of the village, JB stated that Clackmannanshire Council had agreed to relocate it 30 meters further outside the village. Views were being sought on the proposed plans, which would involve both partial and full road closures later this summer. Following discussion, these plans were welcomed. GT also raised the proposed speed bump at the Meadowside Crescent entrance, originally planned as part of the development but which MCC now wish to be reconsidered. Discussion took place on several additional measures including improvements to speed signage, and it was agreed that an overall road safety strategy was needed for the village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT to review her previous Traffic Calming and Road Safety discussion paper to provide a suggested strategic approach for consideration. |
| 8. Foundation Scotland/EDF Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following receipt of applications for the MCC microgrant and Event fund, AD outlined the process undertaken as part of the EDF Renewables Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Community Fund award process. This included the exclusion of any party who had made an |

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| | <p>application in the decision making process and need to ensure fairness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme had received 8 applications for the microgrants totalling £2958 and 4 applications for the event fund totalling £2245. • In a private meeting at the end of the meeting, MCC approved 10 funding requests. The large number of applications received was noted as was the fact that the microgrant scheme was oversubscribed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AD to notify applicants of the decisions reached. |
| 9. Development Trust | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT reported that individuals with appropriate skills were being identified as part of the process of establishing a Development Trust |
| 10. School Path Improvement Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB stated that following the first run of tree clearing, drainage and path improvement work would begin when possible. |
| 11. Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans were progressing for a shared noticeboard with the Hall Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was agreed that if the Hall Committee agreed, a new notice board could be bought. GT to raise with the Hall Committee. |
| 12. Wind Farms in the Ochils | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR reported that details of the Brunt Hill consultation due to end on 28th June 2024 had been shared on FB and in the newsletter. As no representations had been received by MCC, it was agreed that a consultation response would not be made. • The Craighead wind farm application is expected to be made shortly. • GT reported that the 8 CCs group of 7 Perth and Kinross community councils and Muckhart, was meeting that evening. This group had been set up to maximise community benefit from Craighead Windfarm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback from the meeting to be provided by GT in due course. |
| 13. Sub groups | |
| a) Meadowside Crescent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN stated that 20 houses have been sold, 18 are occupied, 4 are reserved, and 6 are available. • Now that the contract for the Adopt a phone box scheme has been agreed, Springfield is to install a defibrillator in it. Quotes are being sought for renovation work. • MCC is seeking clarification on the breakdown of Springfield's recent financial contribution to Clackmannanshire Council so that the £25k allocation for improvements to the existing playpark can be identified. It is also ascertaining ownership and lease arrangements. • The school has been approached for input to proposals for the playpark. • An update is awaited on the planned social housing element of the development, following consideration by Clackmannanshire Council. |
| b) Flood management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forth Rivers Trust has completed the Muckhart flood defence project. It has not only increased natural flood defences but is considered to have already increased natural biodiversity by 40%. • JB reported that the project was to be considered for a Natural Scotland Award as a result of its success and the level of community and MCC engagement. |

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| c) Muckhart Resilience Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JB had discussed this with Carol Kirkwood, Emergency Resilience Officer, Clackmannanshire Council and was to be invited to the next meeting of the council's Resilience Planning Group. |
| d) Planning | <p>Planning applications</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council has approved the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Kirkhill – extension of rear of garage. <p>New application (subsequently withdrawn):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 and 4 Green Loan – replacement windows to front and rear. |
| e) Local Place Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extended LPD/Community Action Plan subgroup is due to meet soon. This group will take forward the consultation exercise on LPP and begin a review of the MCP. Both pieces of work will inform the development of a Development Trust. |
| 14. Muckhart Primary School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent school summer BBQ had been well attended and a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park had gone well. Input to the public art project was being considered. |
| 15. Treasurer's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. |
| 16. AOCB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident reported that Clackmannanshire council had failed to conduct grass cutting in the football area of the playpark due to the placing of nets. Failure to cut grass was also raised in respect of the verge beside the bus stop at Yetts. It was agreed that the Report It system could be used to highlight these issues and seek a solution. Another resident raised the cutting of grass verges, and it was noted that this may have been reduced due to council budgetary constraints. It was agreed that JB further discuss the maintenance of the school path and Maudies Loan with TCV. CN stated that there had not yet been any resolution to the removal of two defunct lamp posts in Kirkhill despite repeated contact with the council about this matter. Work was also still to be conducted on an area in Kirkhill prone to flooding, thought to be caused by a blocked sewer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR to pass email correspondence about the lamp posts to JB and JB to contact Scottish Water in relation to the flooding issue. |